

num, payable quarterly, and shall not be diminished during his continuance in office."

Mr. Watkins, of Montgomery, said as this was a very important section, he moved that it be passed over until the house was fuller.

Mr. Kilbourn said the action of the Convention would not be final.

The motion to pass over prevailed.

Section 24 was read and passed over without amendment.

Section 24, now section 25, which relates to the compensation of the clerks of the Circuit Courts of the counties and the appointment of assistants, was read.

Mr. Tarr, of Caroline, moved to amend by providing that the salary shall not exceed \$2,500 per annum, instead of \$3,000.

Mr. Page said the subject of the compensation of these officers was already provided for in the report of the committee on the legislative department, and, therefore, moved to strike out of the section all relating to compensation, which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Merrick, the committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The report was concurred in, and

Mr. Gill submitted an order granting the use of the hall to James C. Welling, Esq., on Wednesday evening next, to deliver a lecture, which was adopted.

The Convention then, on motion of Mr. Garey, adjourned until tomorrow.

FIFTY-THIRD DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, TUESDAY, JULY 23.

Convention met at 10 o'clock. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Leech.

On motion of Mr. McPherson, it was

Ordered, That the committee on claims be instructed to pay the expenses incurred by the subcommittee of public works and corporations, in their mission to Baltimore city.